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# GERMANS ARE DRIVEN BACK

## Italians Counter-Attacking Austro-German Forces With Good Results

# PRESIDENT SURPRISES RAILWAY MEN

# ITALIAN TROOPS WRITE GLORIOUS PAGE IN HISTORY

ROME, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces which have crossed the Piave river at Piave Vecchi have been driven back over the river, the war office announces.

On the mountain front, the statement says, the Austro-Germans passed the Italian positions in the Asiago sector in the region of Buso Monte Valbella but stopped at the Italian rear positions from where the Italians are counter-attacking with satisfactory results.

### Glorious Page in War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Official dispatches from Rome today give a detailed story of the fighting on Monte Asolone. They say:

"With the recapture of the positions on Monte Asolone the Italian soldiers have written a glorious page in the annals of this war. Their bravery has prevented the enemy from spreading his forces to the south and complete the surrounding of Monte Asolone. Our soldiers fought for several days under terrific artillery fire and against the deadly effects of asphyxiating gases. The enemy suffered enormous losses. It is calculated that in the actions at Beretta and Monte Asolone the enemy has lost three divisions which have already been substituted, from the 26th of November to date. General Pfeffer, commander of the Fourth enemy division and the commanders of the Seventh and Eighth Austrian brigades have been seriously wounded."

### Enemy Working Civilians.

"The enemy command in the city of Udine has issued rules by which all workmen, women and children are obliged to work in the fields from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening, with half an hour rest in the morning, one hour and a half in the afternoon and half an hour in the evening. The transgressors of these rules will be accompanied to work and watched by German soldiers and at the termination of the harvest they will be imprisoned for six months and every three days they will receive only bread and water. Slow or lazy women will be exiled and lazy children will be flogged. If necessary the commander will inflict on the workmen corporal punishments."

"In Macedonia German troops have recently launched three very powerful attacks against the positions held by Italian soldiers along the Cerna river. All the attacks were repulsed and the enemy suffered considerable losses."

### REVIEW OF WAR SITUATION.

Peace without annexations and without indemnities, the formula adopted by the German reichstag in its peace resolution last July, is the keynote of the Russian peace terms now being discussed at Brest-Litovsk. The Russian terms have been submitted to the representatives of the central powers who have taken them under consideration.

No compulsory annexation of territory seized during the war and immediate evacuation of it and no contributions to be required from belligerent countries are proposed by Russia. This is similar to the reichstag resolution which, however, was not accepted by Dr. Michaelis, who was then

# WILSON SUMMONS RAILWAY CHIEFS

Brotherhoods to Confer at White House Thursday Next With President.

TO OUTLINE ACTION

Workers to Learn Decision on Means to Obtain More Efficient Transportation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chiefs and legislative agents of the four railway brotherhoods to a conference at the White House Thursday.

It is expected that the president will outline to the representatives of the railroad workers whatever action he has decided is necessary to obtain more efficient transportation during the war crisis.

Both the chiefs and the legislative agents have conferred with the president, the chiefs soon after their demands were made on the railroads for increased wages and the legislative agents several days ago when they asked for assurances that war demands should not relax the safety restrictions imposed on railroad operation. They were told that nothing of that kind was contemplated.

The new conference came as a surprise in the railroad situation. President Wilson has been studying all phases of the situation and it has been understood that he intended to address congress on the subject after the holidays. While sentiment in favor of governmental operation of the railroads apparently has been growing, no indication of what the president would recommend has been given and pending his address it was thought no further action was contemplated.

# WAR CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—Today's casualty list contains, among the wounded, the name of H. N. Wilkinson, Dallas, Ore.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—C. B. Murphy, a seaman of Orville, Cal., and George O. K. Vidalia, a seaman of Arlington, N. J., were lost overboard from a transport on December 17.

near Bezonvaux and Caurieres wood. Their efforts were repulsed by our fire. The artillery fighting was rather vigorous on the left bank of the river, in the sector of Bethincourt. On the remainder of the front the night was calm.

"On December 21, 22 and 23 our pursuit aviators were very active. Our pilots engaged in 109 combats, most of them over the German lines. Eighteen German machines were brought down. Of these seventeen fell in flames or crashed to the ground and were destroyed. During this period our bombing squadrons dropped 18,000 kilograms (nearly 20 tons) of projectiles on railway stations, factories, encampments and other objectives behind the enemy's lines."

### APPLES FOR SOLDIERS.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—A campaign has been organized to secure 15,000 boxes of apples for shipment to American soldiers in France and Great Britain. Growers and shippers are responding enthusiastically to the appeal.

# Red Cross Drive in U. S. Is Proving Great Success

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Reports to the Red Cross today on the results of its campaign for 10,000,000 new members showed some divisions had exceeded their quotas and others were approaching quotas set for them. The central division which voluntarily raises its quota from \$50,000 to 1,500,000 expects to exceed the higher figures, and the gulf department comprising Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi had gone several thousand over its quota.

Oregon has gone 28,000 over its quota notwithstanding bad weather which has been the cause of extending the time limit to the end of the week in several divisions. Pennsylvania was 10,000 today with

in its quota of 1,150,000 and the Pacific division lacked 30,000 of the 347,000 expected. Reports of the Potomac division show much hard work would be necessary there if the quota of 356,000 is reached.

Christmas Message to People. Secretary of State Lansing aided the campaign today with the following Christmas message urging people to help:

"Christmas tide has become, by long established custom, the time for the giving of gifts, a time when hearts, inspired with thankfulness to God for his supreme gift to mankind, throb with responsive emotions which find expression in acts of love and generosity.

"It is peculiarly fitting, therefore, in these days when the world is darkened by war and misery that the American people should, with a true Christmas spirit of their bounty to that great agency of mercy, the American Red Cross, which is doing such splendid service in alleviating suffering on the battlefields of Europe and in bringing comfort to the thousands of helpless ones who are victims of the brutalities of war."

In response to the general impulses awakened by thoughts of Christmas, let us, as a nation, show our love for humanity and our gratitude to God by remembering at this time the Red Cross and its needs."

# RUSSIA FACING DANGER

Gravity of Situation Growing and Bolshevik Beginning to Realize.

# ARMING PRISONERS

Released German Soldiers Said to Be Concentrating Near Petrograd.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Petrograd dispatches report that attempts are being made by the Bolshevik leaders to negotiate with the Ukrainians for a settlement of the difficulties which have arisen and it is also reported that the authorities of the new Ukrainian government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful arrangement. The movement for harmony is attributed by the correspondent of the Times to the fact that the growing dangers of the situation are being recognized by an increasing extent by the Ukrainians and Bolsheviks. For the same reason, he says, they are believed to be inclined to modify their attitude of hostility towards the constituent assembly which is likely to meet within a week.

Concurrently with these statements appear numerous further reports of military activities on the part of the Ukrainians and Bolsheviks. The sending of more Bolshevik troops southward to oppose the Ukrainians. There are disconnected rumors of further fighting but apparently there have been no hostilities on a large scale, or of such a nature as to indicate important developments.

Arrival of Germans Impending. Many news dispatches from Petrograd speak of the supposed impending arrival of the Germans there which is said to be the universal topic of discussion in the city, but everyone seems to have a different version. Many of these stories center around the reported concentration near the capital of a large force of released German war prisoners, to whom arms are being handed over, according to some of the reports. Referring to these rumors, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says that unquestionably thousands of German war prisoners are flocking toward Petrograd from all parts of Russia but he believes that at present a more important phase of the situation is the active and thorough manner in which the Germans have been pushing trade with Russia since the frontier was opened. He reports they are making the most of a commercial opportunity such as the world has never seen before inasmuch as Russian industries are nearly dead and the Germans have no competition.

The Germans have refused to admit M. Zinovief, a close associate of Nikolai Lenin, and other Bolsheviks whom the Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates wished to send in to spread their doctrines in the German army. They also declined to admit Trotsky's newspaper printed in German for army propaganda.

The Bolsheviks are negotiating with the Social-Revolutionists on the left for the formation of a coalition government wherein the latter will hold the ministries of the interior, justice, posts and national affairs.

Trial of Arrested Persons. The trial of persons who have been arrested by the Bolshevik authorities was to have begun yesterday before a military revolutionary court, according to delayed dispatches from Petrograd. The first person to be tried, these reports said, would be Countess Panin, former minister of education, who was arrested for refusing to turn over to

# LAUDS RED CROSS WORK IN FRANCE



Prof. Albert P. Fitch.

Prof. Albert P. Fitch of Amherst college is now telling the people of the United States by means of lectures and addresses what the Red Cross is doing to make life more endurable for the civilians and soldiers in the war-wrecked districts of France. He has only recently returned from the front.

The Bolsheviks the funds of her department. The Council of Petrograd university on Friday elected the countess an honorary member in recognition of her educational work.

Kerensky Commander Lynched. A dispatch from Tashkent, capital of Turkistan, described the lynching under horrible circumstances, of General Korovitchenko, who was Kerensky's military commander in the province.

The Italian embassy has made a formal protest against the pillaging by armed men of the apartment of the embassy's first secretary.

It is reported that the Germans are moving troops from the Russian northern and western fronts to the southern and western fronts and Rumanian fronts.

TROTSKY OPPOSING RED CROSS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—State department officials declared today that the statements of Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that the American Red Cross mission in Russia was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolshevik government could be attributed only to his ignorance of the true state of affairs. Arrangements were made in this country some time ago for strengthening the ambulance corps of Russia with seventy-eight ambulances and other supplies much needed in certain districts. It was deemed advisable to send them via the Rumanian frontier. This was done with the approval of the Russian Red Cross.

Transfer of Red Cross Money. The incident of money which it was alleged Ambassador Francis had offered and the insinuation that it was intended as a bribe to the enemies of the Bolsheviks had no other significance, it was stated, than humanitarianism. It was merely the ordinary transfer of money through the embassy sent by the Red Cross and intended for relief work.

The city of Venice remains comparatively undisturbed by the recent concentration of enemy pressure on the lower Piave nearest to Venice, where his line is twelve miles east of the city. While the shells from the heavy guns could reach Venice, it is known that the enemy has been unable to bring across the river anything except machine guns and a few pieces of small caliber. No shells have fallen anywhere near the city.

The rumble of the bombardment can be heard day and night, but the population has become accustomed to it, as

# American Christmas Cheer For the Italian Soldiers

VENICE, Sunday, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—American Christmas cheer will be carried to the Italian soldiers in the trenches and to the sick and wounded soldiers in and around Venice by B. Harvey Carroll, Jr., American consul at Venice, acting for the American Red Cross. Mr. Carroll will leave Venice with General di Viterfranchese, so as to make the tour of the trenches on Christmas eve. They will be accompanied by detachments of soldiers with trucks bearing huge bundles of gifts for distribution among the troops.

# Halifax Disaster Is Summed Up By An Expert

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—Fifteen hundred killed, four thousand seriously injured, twenty thousand homeless and total property loss amounting to \$50,000,000 was the estimate today of the destruction and damage caused by the explosion of the munition ship Mont Blanc on December 6 which wrecked and burned an area of two and a half square miles in the north end of Halifax.

The estimate was prepared and submitted to the general relief committee by J. H. Wingfield, an expert,

who made detailed examination. The figures, while not accepted as final, were regarded by the committee as conservative.

Millions in Property Loss. "The value of homes destroyed or damaged beyond repair," Wingfield stated, "will not be less than \$7,000,000. The damage to homes that can be repaired plus the value of furniture and personal effects lost will reach \$8,000,000. Damage to civic, provincial, government, military, naval, institutional and university property was \$25,000,000."

# TROTSKY TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR

Wants Democratic Peace Leaving Peoples to Dispose of Themselves.

ADMITS WAR PROBABLE

Russia Will Be Given Over to Anarchy If Bolsheviks Succumb.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a note issued by the Havas agency, called on Joseph Noulens, the French ambassador to Russia, and explained that the Bolsheviks wished to keep to the principles of a "democratic peace" leaving to the peoples the right to dispose of themselves. The ambassador asked him what he would do if Germany refused such a peace. Trotsky answered that then the peace would not be signed and that the Maximalists might be led to "wage a revolutionary war."

Trotsky added that "if public opinion was opposed to such a war, the question would then be carried before the constituent assembly." He concluded by saying that "if the Bolsheviks succumbed to the resistance they are meeting with in Russia the country would be given over to anarchy."

The Havas note concludes: "This conversation, which is correct throughout, must be considered as creating no new relation between the Maximalist government and us."

# FRENCH DEPUTIES TO BE PROSECUTED

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 23.—General Dubail today signed the order for the prosecution of Deputies Caillaux and Loustalot and M. Comby. It is alleged that Comby was present at the lunch at which former Premier Caillaux met Cavallini and is said to have accompanied Loustalot to Switzerland where he saw the former Khedive of Egypt.

Maitre Demange who defended Dreyfus at Rennes has been chosen by M. Caillaux as his counsel.

# HUNT WAITING TO TAKE OFFICE

Governor Campbell's Appointees Resign and Hunt's Incumbents Reinstated.

PAY TO BE ADJUSTED

Campbell Attorneys Reserve Right for Rehearing Within the 15-Day Limit.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Governor G. W. P. Hunt is waiting for Governor Thomas E. Campbell to turn over the executive office to him. An announcement is expected later in the day indicating just when this ceremony will take place. The supreme court on Saturday seated Hunt as governor.

Practically all of Governor Campbell's appointees have resigned and it is said most of the incumbents holding office when Hunt was deposed last January will be reinstated. Under the supreme court decision Governor Campbell will receive no pay for his year's service as governor and must besides pay most of the costs. It is probable that he will be given relief by legislative enactment. Governor Hunt is busy today cleaning up the affairs of the office and contents himself with the statement that the final issue is with the people. The Campbell attorneys have reserved the right to apply for a rehearing within the fifteen-day limit although the physical possession of the office is given up but any further legal proceedings are not probable.

# MEDICAL DIRECTORS TO BE PROMOTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Medical Directors George H. Barber and Edward R. Stitt of the navy will be promoted from the rank of captain to rear admiral as soon as congress re-assembles in recognition of distinguished services.

Dr. Barber is at the head of the naval hospital in Las Animas, Colo., and Dr. Stitt is president of the naval medical school at Washington.

it had to the previous menace from the air and the sea.

One of the chief reasons for calm is the belief that Pope Benedict has intervened in some way by which the Austrians will not shell the city.

Art Treasures Being Removed. The custodians of the art treasures in the city have considered it desirable to move a large number of paintings and statues which up to this time had been stored within the city. The most valuable were sent south months ago but now the entire bulk of removable art treasures has been taken away. It is estimated that 12,000 square meters of paintings were taken from the ducal palace alone.

The famous Equestrian statue before St. Mark's is being dismantled for removal although it was at first intended to protect it by a brick covering.